

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 10, please replace the paragraph at lines 14-21 with the following paragraph:

--In order to modify the HLB profile of the product to a desirable level, the product acylated carbohydrate fatty ester 16 obtained in Step 3 or 4 may be passed onto a second reactor 17, wherein free hydroxyl groups are liberated by partial hydrolysis in the presence of an acid catalyst, 18 to produce the required HLB profile depending on the degree of substitution, deacylation and chain length of the fatty acyl group. Details of the HLB profile of products, covering 1 to 16, are given in Figure 2.--

At pages 10 and 11, please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 26 to page 11, line 5 with the following paragraph:

--By varying the degree of deacylation and fatty acyl chain length in the carbohydrate fatty acid esters, products having distinct HLB values of 1 to 16 may be produced, as detailed in Figure 2. These products have varying solubilities and sublimation temperatures and are thus separated into carbohydrate fatty acid esters by staged cooling between the temperatures of 10 and -15 degree C, depending on the esters present, at 20.--